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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, UR, UN, US

SUBJECT: SENIOR US AND SOVIET UNTSO OBSERVERS

REF; A. USUN 595

-- B. USUN 616

-- C. JERUSALEM 300

-- D. JERUSALEM 316

-- E. JERUSALEM 341

1. USUN AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO  
SECRETARIAT.

A. USG WELCOMES REPORTED INTENT OF USSR REDUCING RANK OF  
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THEIR SENIOR UNTSO OBSERVER FROM COLONEL TO LT. COLONEL;

USG ALSO INTENDS TO REDUCE RANK OF ITS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO UNTSO (SUSMO) FROM COLONEL TO LT. COLONEL.

B. IN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AND ON A NON-EMERGENCY BASIS, COLONEL ROSS PRESENT SUSMO WILL BE REPLACED BY A CAPTAIN OR A MAJOR WITH AN IN-COUNTRY AVAILABILITY DATE OF 3-6 MONTHS. WHEN ACCOMPLISHED, US ARMY LT. COLONEL RICHARDS, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER OF UNTSO, WILL BE DESIGNATED AS SUSMO.

C. AFTER THE TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN EFFECTED, US WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIGN SUSMOS WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WILL SERVE IN CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER POSITION AT UNTSO, HQ, AS WAS DONE BEFORE AUGMENTATION OF SIZE OF US AND

INTRODUCTION OF USSR CONTINGENTS.

2. FYI. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE SOVIETS MAY USE WHATEVER ARGUMENTS THEY CAN MUSTER TO DEPRIVE THE US OF CONTINUED OCCUPANCY OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER POSITION. OTHER NATIONS HAVE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN THIS POSITION IN THE PAST. US RIGHT TO RETAIN THIS POSITION DERIVES FROM OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR UNTSO SINCE IT WAS ORGANIZED. US HAS OVER THE YEARS ASSIGNED OUTSTANDING OFFICERS TO THIS POSITION AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WHILE THE SOVIETS MAY MAKE AN ISSUE OVER THE FACT THAT THEIR PERSONNEL MAY NOT HOLD POSITIONS ON UNTSO HEADQUARTERS STAFF BECAUSE SOVIET OBSERVERS MAY NOT SERVE IN ISRAEL, THIS SITUATION DERIVES FROM THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND IS A MATTER BETWEEN THE USSR, ISRAEL AND THE UN. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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